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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 9, 2003, Applicants respond as follows:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention defined by the Examiner (Paper No. 7, page 2) as Group I, including claims 1-6, drawn to an integrated thin film head. This election is made without traverse.